

FARMERS' INSTITUTE TO MEET AT ROANOKE

Attractive Program Is Prepared for
Entertainment of Visitors and
Their Families.

PAGE TO SPEAK ON TAXATION

Dairying, Alfalfa Raising, Road
Maintenance, Boys' Corn Clubs
and Girls' Canning Clubs Among
Special Topics of Discussion.

An invitation is being extended to farmers throughout the State to attend the eleventh annual session of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute, which will be conducted in the Casino, Street Railway Park, at Roanoke, on Thursday and Friday. Indications are that a large number of the farmers of the State will attend the sessions of the institute this year. Railroads have offered greatly reduced rates for the occasion, and a most attractive program has been arranged for the entertainment of the farmers upon their arrival at Roanoke.

The women's auxiliary to the Farmers' Institute will hold its sessions in the Chamber of Commerce building, and the women of Roanoke are offering their services and the use of the rooms of the Civic Federation for entertainment purposes. Farmers are be-

ing urged to bring their wives and families to the institute, as there are features on the program designed to appeal to each member of the household, and it is thought that the event will be a most profitable and enjoyable one.

On Thursday evening the Chamber of Commerce of Roanoke will entertain the entire institute and its friends, and everything possible will be done for the entertainment and enjoyment of the guests. The headquarters of the secretary, B. Morgan Sheppard, will be at Hotel Roanoke, and he can be found there a day ahead of the convention. Westmoreland Davis, of Leesburg, is president of the State organization, and the directors are as follows: James Bellwood, Chesterfield County; J. H. C. Beverly, Fauquier County; Westmoreland Davis, Loudoun County; W. E. Hathaway, Lancaster County; John T. Lewis, Mecklenburg County; S. L. Lupton, Frederick County; T. O. Sandy, Nottoway County; Joseph A. Turner, Roanoke County; Major A. J. Tynes, Tazewell County; Samuel R. Woods, Albemarle County.

MANY PROMINENT MEN

TO MAKE ADDRESSES
Among the topics on the program are: Annual address of the president, Westmoreland Davis, "Educating the Producer," J. D. Eggleston, president V. P. I., "Agricultural Education," J. L. McBrien, specialist in rural education, Bureau of Education, Department of Interior, "Road Maintenance and Necessary Road Legislation," G. P. Coleman, State Highway Commissioner, "Why a Farmer Should Keep Cows," Professor W. D. Saunders, "The Progress of Dairying in Virginia," A. P. Howard, Superintendent of Cream-

eries, "Development of the Dairy Herd," C. T. Isaac, industrial department, Southern Railway, "Pasteurization of Milk," R. H. Rawl, Chief Dairy Division, United States Department of Agriculture, "Bredding Your Dairy Cows," James Bellwood, "Difficulties in Improving the Herd," W. J. Burlee, "Feeding to the Limit of Production," Joseph A. Turner, "Value of the Dairy in Improving the Farm," Pete Huff, "The Dairy and the Small Farmer," J. H. Garst, "Proper Sanitation and Equipment," J. B. Andrews, "The Bull Half the Herd," Monroe Garst, "Raising Calves," H. T. Fancourt, "Raising Pure-Bred Dairy Stock," D. S. Jones, "Tax Reform in Virginia," Dr. Thomas Walker Page, University of Virginia, "Alfalfa, the King of Forage Crops," Willis O. Wing, of Ohio, "Co-Operation the Keynote to Success," Bradford Knapp, United States Department of Agriculture, "Demonstration Work from a Banker's Viewpoint," V. Valden, First National Bank of Farmville, "Girls' Canning Club," Miss E. G. Agnew, Burkeville, "Boys' Corn Club," E. S. Farrar, district agent, Petersburg, "The Need for Demonstration Work in Valley of Virginia," W. C. Shackelford, district agent, Profit.

Telephone Fight in Prospect.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Staunton, Va., August 1.—There is a lively fight on here between the Bell Telephone Company and the city over the prospect of an increase in rates. Staunton has one of the old, out-of-date systems, said to be in use in only one or two other places in the United States of the same size, and the company is planning to put in a new system in October of modern pattern. It also proposes to raise business rates from \$25 to \$12 a year, and resi-

dence rates from \$24 to \$30. The Chamber of Commerce discussed the matter thoroughly last night on a report from a special committee consisting of Charles Carbett, who has made thorough investigation, and who reports that the present rate is high enough for the new system compared with rates in other parts of the country. The City Council has also been considering the subject for some time, and a fight is in prospect before the State Corporation Commission.

TO PREVENT BUBONIC PLAGUE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Wilmington, N. C., August 1.—While not fearing the bubonic plague in the slightest, Wilmington is taking steps towards extermination of rats, believing that in time of good health it should prepare to prevent disease. This is especially appreciated as being important on account of the city being a port. So, at request of the board of health, \$100 has been appropriated by the City Council with which to purchase, or offer as rewards for five rats. Five cents a rat will be paid by the health department, and by this means not only will the rodents be killed, but chance will be had of seeing whether the rats carry any contagious disease.

Already five rodents are being delivered to the health office.

Seymour—Short.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lawrenceville, Va., August 1.—Thomas Packard Seymour and Miss Jessie M. Short, both of Lawrenceville, were married yesterday at Elizabeth City, N. C., by Justice of Peace J. W. Munton, at his home on Bond Street. The couple left here on an excursion to Norfolk, and no one knew they intended to be married.

Mr. Seymour is an employee of the Southern Railway. Mrs. Seymour is the

youngest daughter of Mrs. Florence Short, of Lawrenceville. The couple returned to Lawrenceville to-day, and will reside here.

APPOINTS DELEGATES TO PRISON CONGRESS

Governor Names Representatives of
Virginia at Meeting to Be Held
at St. Paul, Minn.

The delegates to this year's convention of the American Prison Association to be accredited to Virginia were

announced from the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth B. O. James yesterday. These delegates are appointed each year by the Governor, who usually makes his selections from the State Penitentiary Board, the Legislature, prison officials and members of the boards of different institutions for the correction and reform of delinquents. The list follows:

Major J. B. Wood, State Penitentiary, Richmond; Captain T. J. Davis, Assistant, Major J. D. Patton, Richmond; L. L. Scherer, Richmond; F. Gerald Stratton, Petersburg; Samuel Cohen, Richmond; W. B. Bradley, Richmond; Dr.

J. T. Martin, Richmond; Thomas B. Shelton, Sharps; Charles Rutzler, Richmond; John L. Satterfield, Richmond; E. W. Miltstead, Newport News; J. H. C. Grasty, Staunton; N. B. Early, Jr., Dawsonville; Bland Massie, Tyro; Charles U. Gravatt, Port Royal; L. E. Spatig, Lawrenceville; B. M. Bonifant, Mason; Dr. C. W. Grant, Belfast Mills; David A. Harrison, Jr., Disputanta; D. A. Kinsey, Boone's Mill; C. O. Miller, New Market; B. F. Noland, Leesburg; Robert O. Norris, Jr., Lively; Francis W. Smith, Elmore; A. J. Terrell, New Canton; Peter Winston, Farmville.



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